

## **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Applicant responds herein to the Office Action dated May 13, 2009.

Claims 11-16 are currently pending in the application.

Preliminarily, the applicant notes with appreciation the indication that the arguments filed October 2, 2008 with respect to claims 11-16 have been considered to be persuasive. As a result, claims 11-16 are allowable over the art of record.

The only issue remaining concerns the Examiner's request for clarification about "the intended status of claims 2, 4, 6 and 8 for further prosecution."

In fact, applicant proactively canceled claims 1-10 in the Amendment dated October 2, 2008, whereby the Examiner comments correctly that those claims could not have been subjected to a subsequent restriction requirement.

Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance should be issued at the present time relative to the only claims still pending in the application, namely claims 11-16.

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